

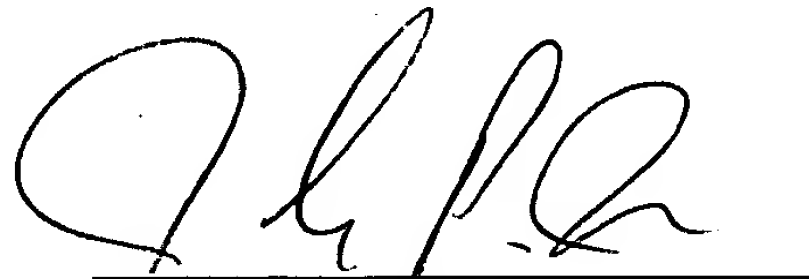
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Applicants propose to amend claims 21-23, and cancel claim 20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 21-28 remain pending. Applicants appreciate the indication by the examiner of the allowability of claims 21 and 24-28.

Request

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request favorable consideration to that effect. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 912-2000 should there be any questions.

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